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Why lack of coordination between civic bodies is a hurdle for residents of Rustam Bagh, Vinayaka Nagar & Wind Tunnel Road in Konena Agrahara

ALONE TOGETHER

Bescom yet to lay underground cables in ward

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Bengaluru's civic agencies lack the much-needed coordination to spend taxpayers' money judiciously and ensure basic infrastructure is in place.

It seems there is no coordination between the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) and Bengaluru Electricity Supply Company (Bescom) despite meetings meant for emphasising the coordination among civic agencies.

Lack of coordination between the civic bodies has now become a hurdle for the residents of Rustam Bagh Layout, Vinayaka Nagar Layout, Wind Tunnel Road and other areas in Konena Agrahara ward.

Power outages are common in these areas during the monsoon; there are many reasons for power outages during the monsoon — falling tree branches on power lines and so on.

To ensure uninterrupted power supply to consumers at Rustam Bagh, Vinayaka Nagar and other

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Bescom had kept the cable ready for laying on Vinayaka Nagar Main Road much before road was asphalted; (Inset) asphalted road

> "It will help reduce majority of power interruptions in our localities; it has been implemented successfully in our neighbourhood wards
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> — Poornima Shetty, president, Rustam Bagh Association for Welfare, United RWA of Konena Agrahara

Right of way gone wrong

'Most pedestrian deaths in Majestic, KR Market, Outer Ring Road and Hosur Road', study says

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Areas such as KR Market, Majestic, Outer Ring Road, Bellary Road and Hosur Road are in fact 'deadly' for pedestrians, a study has found.

Between 2017 and 2020, most pedestrian deaths in Bengaluru occured in Majestic, KR Market, Outer Ring Road and Hosur Road, according to a preliminary study by the World Resources Institute, India — 91% of pedestrian deaths happened at junctions, the study suggested.

Analysis of crash data from a three-year period - 2017 to 2020 - sourced from FIRs, revealed that 91% of pedestrian deaths happened at junctions.

Around 2,739 Bengalureans lost their lives to road traffic crashes between 2017 and 2020 out of which 33% (907) were pedestrians. Out of the aforementioned, 91% or 740 deaths happened at junctions; 60% of pedestrian fatalities occurred while crossing the road.

The highest number of fatalities was

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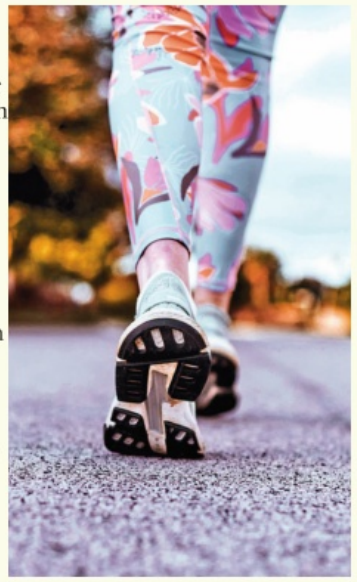
2 THINGS TO DO

01 Millets Walkathon



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Venue: Cubbon Park
When: January 14, 05:30 AM
Info: https://organic-millets.in/smartrun.php

02 Ankit Tiwari, live

Popular Bollywood playback singer, music director and composer, Ankit Tiwari is coming to Lulu Mall, Bengaluru to launch his new album, 'Aye Dil'. Bengalureans will get to enjoy a live performance with Ankit singing some of his most popular Bollywood hits as well as tracks from his new album. He will be accompanied by the leading lady from the album, Bollywood actress and former Miss India World winner, Pooja Chopra. **Where: Lulu Malls, Rajajinagar**
When: January 14, 4:30 pm

Festivities in the air

The BM and VK team including newspaper vendors, dealers, and representatives of ad agencies celebrated Makar Sankranti on Friday with a traditional lunch. This husband-wife duo from the Basaveshwaranagar depot also took part in the festivities.

Shock and worry after boys die of heart attack

Sixteen-year-old and 12-year-old boys pass away of heart attack in less than 10 days; doctors say those with family history must get screened

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A 16-year-old boy from Shivamogga succumbed to a heart attack on Thursday, making it the second such incident in less than a week.

According to his family members, the teen, RH Jayant, was getting ready for school when he complained of excessive chest pain and collapsed on the floor. His family members rushed him to a nearby primary health centre but he had already died en route.

Last week, 12-year-old Kirtan breathed his last due to heart attack in Kushalnagar taluk of Kodagu district. According to his parents, during his sleep, Kirtan screamed out of pain and his parents rushed him to a hospital where he died.

These incidents of school boys dying of heart attacks have shaken the medical community as well. Dr Yogesh Kumar Gupta, Consultant, Paediatrics, Fortis Hospital, Bannerghatta Road, said that cardiac arrest is an uncommon occurence in children unless they have underlying congenital structural malformation like ALCAPA (Anomalous left coronary artery from the pulmonary artery) or acquired heart disease like Rheumatic heart disease with or without cardiac arrhythmia.

Whenever there is a sudden cardiac arrest in young people it is likely because of a disease called hypertrophic cardiomyopathy (HCM), said Dr. Ranjan Shetty (HOD and Consultant – Interventional Cardiology, Manipal Hospital Old Airport Road).

"It is a genetic disease found in one in 500 people hence it is quite common. In a small percentage of these people suddenly the heart rate could go up and they will collapse. Usually these are exertional but these could be induced by any physical or emotional stress. It's a common disease hence it is very easily missed. If you look at footballers, runners, competitive sportsmen collapsing; majority of them have HCM. The second common cause in children that may lead to this disease is called Arrhythmogenic Right Ventricular Dysplasia and another common cause is Myocarditis. Diseases that cause sudden cardiac arrest in children are different from that of adults. In children,

PICTURE FOR REPRESENTATION ONLY

If you have a family history of cardiac arrests, routine checkups are mandatory, say doctors

There is a high chance that such incidents in children are due to genetic factors at play, say experts

it is predominantly genetic and high induction of suspension is needed. The most important parameter is whether any family member has a history of sudden cardiac arrest in which case their children and whole family should undergo screening," he said.

Gyms are also taking precautions amid a rise in cases of heart attacks among people working out. A number of city gyms have decided to ask their patrons to undergo a complete body health screening and produce a health document before they sign up. This is being done after a spate of people having a heart attack either during or after working out.

"Managing stress levels, striking a balance with good nutrition and sleep pattern is of utmost importance and this is followed by workouts. Hence, don't prioritise workouts over a bad lifestyle (bad eating habits and rest patterns). With the help of a qualified trainer, follow what is necessary and what works for your body than replicating another person's workouts", said a gym trainer.

91% pedestrian deaths at junctions

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recorded in the age group of senior citizens (60+) with 185 deaths, followed by 128 fatalities in the age group of 40-60 years.

A major reason for pedestrian deaths was identified as speeding vehicles: 88% of pedestrian fatalities occurred due to speeding vehicles at crossings. The study also observed that accident cases tend to occur between 7:00 pm and 10:00 pm — 28.42% of the accidents happened during the period.

Dhawal Ashar, project head, Urban Transport and Road Safety, WRI India, said there is a need to reassess crossing demands. "Painting zebra crossings alone does not make crossings safe. Without an effort to calm the traffic at these junctions, there will be high-speed conflict. The infrastructure needs to be designed around this measure. In both junction and mid-block crossings, the time needed to cross roads needs to be evaluated and a refuge island should be provided for safe passage in wider/two-way traffic sections. Intersections without signals should also be provided with traffic calming measures such as high-rise pedestrian crossings and speed humps," added Ashar.

DCP west (traffic) Kuldeep Kumar R Jain told BM that BBMP has to paint washed-out zebra crossings every three months. "We have deployed personnel to ensure smooth pedestrian movement; in many places, we are posing restrictions by erecting higher medians. This will ensure that pedestrians only cross at designated zebra crossings, skywalks and underpasses. We are trying to enforce the usage of subways wherever available. Additionally, we are also creating awareness about the pros and cons of safe travel. "

Jain added that due to weather conditions, the zebra crossings fade. "Every third month, BBMP is supposed to paint zebra crossings at designated points. However, it's not possible during harsh weather conditions; regular painting will ensure visibility for commuters," he added.

According to Jain, high incidence of deaths at these spots are due to heavy traffic volumes as well as a lack of pedestrian discipline. Meanwhile, civic activists insisted Bengaluru must install more pedestrian signals to ensure pedestrian safety.

"Not many people are walking to places now; this will be a major problem when public transport is relied upon by the public. Pedestrians should not be penalised with skywalks but rather should be provided with a pedestrian signal. When pedestrians need to cross, the signal will provide safe passage at intersections. Ward committees need to identify dangerous spots and highlight them to officials. Additionally, while issuing driving licences to motorists, statistics about pedestrian deaths should be shared," said Srinivas Alavilli, head of civic participation at the non-profit, Janaagraha.

Pedestrian deaths
2017 — 169
2018 — 164
2019 — 153
2020 — 58

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Improving intersections can reduce accidents

During the recent accident statistics, it has been found that a number of accidents happen at intersections. The Karnataka State Road Safety Authority has listed the do's and don'ts for the authorities to prevent accidents.

A senior official said, "While designing, it should be ensured that the intersection layouts should be simple and obvious to approaching motorists, motorcyclists and pedestrians. Review teams should look carefully at intersections from all approaches to check the traffic control is clear, simple, visible and operating correctly. We need to check visibility in each direction. There can be chances of visual deceit (some drivers/riders may not see the intersection in the way it is meant to be seen?) Hence, the traffic control used at an intersection should be clearly understood. Traffic signals need to be conspicuous and easy to understand."

The authority's document says that pedestrian signals are necessary to assist pedestrians. "Roundabouts are a safe form of intersection control. They must have adequate deflection on entry and they must have the correct signing. For safety, roundabouts should be signed correctly with both regulatory and direction signs. In addition, road users should be made aware to give way on entry to the roundabout. This is a weakness with roundabouts in India at present; it will eventually need a public awareness campaign plus police enforcement to overcome this problem", the document stated.

Pedestrians and other vulnerable groups

Pedestrian deaths are increasing in Cities like Bengaluru. Many pedestrians say that there is no space for them to walk or the footpaths are not designed properly. Authority has come out with the document stating, "The closer the vulnerable road users are to the road, the slower the traffic speeds should be. Are footpaths available, or sealed shoulders? Is there a need for lighting? High speed is a major contributor to road crash frequency and severity. The authorities should look to see that the operating speeds of the road are within levels that are appropriate for the design speed of the road."

Speed limits

There is a need to fix speed limits on roads so that rash driving can be prevented. Officials say that a speed limit needs adequate speed restriction signs along the route to remind drivers/riders of the speed limit. "Consider the need to reduce operating speeds through self-enforcing measures such as traffic calming (such as rumble bars, raised crossings, road humps) or through speed enforcement (such as Police presence or speed cameras). Road safety review is a proactive process that tries to prevent the first crash from happening on a new road. It is unacceptable to remain silent on the need for traffic calming or speed cameras if you believe they are needed. Such items – if needed – should be listed. Do not install speed breakers on any road. Speed breakers are hazards that should not be used", the document stated.

Night visibility

Many of the accidents happen due to poor visibility. Many of the streetlights don't function in the City while there are hardly any streetlights on highways. Even if street lights are there, then those lights are non-functional. Hence, the Road Safety Authority states that the roads are used both day and night, and so they should be inspected during day time as well as night time. "Some locations look very different at night as they may or may not have street lighting. Older people generally have poorer eyesight and this makes reading road signs more difficult than it is for younger people. This is worsened after dark, so particular attention should be paid to night time visibility and visibility for the elderly. Sometimes there are visual cues along a road that give the wrong message to a driver. A long row of trees, or power lines, can give an impression that the road continues straight. But if the road takes a bend, some drivers will be misled by the trees or the power poles – regardless of the number of warning and guide signs used to tell them otherwise," the authority document stated.

Road safety audit

Meanwhile, NHAI officials on Friday said that they have been carrying out a road safety audit and responsibilities have been earmarked for all stakeholders for facilitating the audit and for the implementation of the recommendations.

According to a Press Information Bureau release, "NHAI has been conducting safety audits on National Highways at the planning, construction, operations, and maintenance stages.

During the financial year 2021-22, NHAI undertook a safety audit of 16,500 km of National Highways through safety auditors specialized in safe roads engineering studies and a safety audit of 19,300 km was completed during this financial year till December 2022.

— Prakash VL

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C200	2022	OPALITE WHITE	UNREGISTERED
E200	2022	OPALITE WHITE	UNREGISTERED
AMG GLA 35	2022	COSMOS BLACK	UNREGISTERED
E220 d	2019	CAVANSITE BLUE	REGISTERED
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Impunity at large

Why wordsmiths worldwide did not designate 'impunity' as the word of the year in 2022 is curious. There isn't a better word to describe the antics of those in power — elected representatives and their handymen out to muffle dissent and opposing public opinion, for instance.

With monumental levels of impunity, or the utter disregard for constitutionally set checks and balances in governance amid record-breaking corruption and unabashed ineptitude, at times sheer criminality, shooting through the roof — the Supreme Court made a scathing observation about Bengaluru: the court said, 'do not make a Bengaluru of your city', to the Chandigarh civic administration.

The acknowledgement by the apex court of the pitiable state of Bengaluru and the ever-crumbling public infra was timely as the assembly poll bugle has been sounded and the city awaits an elected council.

No, the citizens have not forgotten that cities do have councils, mayors and councillors representing respective wards so that grievance redressal occurs. I doubt whether the diminutive timeline of humanity's history would throw up such a shameless lot of politicos, crony head honchos and pliant bureaucratic enforcers as at present at the urban administrative level and beyond.

Despite warning after warning, complaint after complaint, pothole after pothole, hoarding after hoarding, encroached footpath after footpath, flooded residential layout after layout, and now, asphalt chipping off newly laid roads post dignitary visits and enormous sinkholes of ineptitude emerging, civic tragedy after tragedy is claiming citizen victims as recently as the Metro pillar mishap.

Apologies, resignations, suspensions, dismissals, or what have you, seldom does one hear of punitive measures or remorseful U-turns from the aforesaid bunch for thoughtless actions that have led ordinary citizen's world to the precipice of the urban isolation it balances upon today nevertheless.

The bigger the scale of the malpractice, stonier the brute conviction and fake confidence of those in charge. How bizarre.

A crude example of this impunity is in fact an emerging concern amongst citizens of Bengaluru — those blatantly violating norms are now threatening area residents and civic activists who confront the violators with questions of concern.

A BBMP contractor allegedly threatened citizens at Gandhi Bazaar, Basavanagudi, when the latter asked the contractor why his crew were striking at the roots of massive avenue trees — many of the trees suffered severe damage to their roots during the ongoing white-topping; subsequently, the sprawling canopy of the area turned brown as branches and leaves wilted.

The attitude of the contractor is a case in point of the brutish mentality encouraged by the impunity of those wielding power, who take for granted the taxpayer and their hard earned monies that fund public infra. Mind you, these folks really think the ordinary citizen's voice should be silenced. For this, a sort of diabolic fear of the powerful is spread through words and deeds — from which emerges the hooliganism that we are witnessing.

The plot is to deny citizens and media the fundamental right to question the bizarre and unjustifiable actions of elected representatives. Now those who adopt this attitude at the behest of their masters are essentially cowards no doubt. They often forget that tables do turn in a democracy.

This sort of impunity is the new normal in our urban conglomerations, rural villages or any setting where a citizen is displaying natural curiosity at violations of law and order — be it their naive anxieties, clarity of thought and action, or even independent identities that shoot the right questions quintessential for the future of any democracy. It appears, none of these traits are welcome. Silencing the citizens and media has not grown any democracy, you see.

Perhaps this is indeed the inevitable aftermath of the base politics of buying elected representatives to form governments which do not hold true mandate of the electorate in earnest, anyway.

Beyond Bengaluru, as farmers continue to struggle and women are put through unspeakable atrocities, shoddy infra sans environment impact assessment threaten ecological balance and human settlements in the Himalaya. The brutal othering of the Indian muslim and sly throttling of governance in opposition-ruled states are afoot as usual. From unacknowledged Chinese incursions into Indian territory, growing angst in the country's youth against unemployment to social inequities worsened by price rise or constitutional functionaries adopting partisan stance breaching protocol, there are plenty of issues the intelligentsia alongside political outfits can engage to mount pressure upon the current dispensation; well, the tide may turn subsequently.

Meanwhile, on the climate front things are brewing so fast that I am afraid we may be left far behind before another spell of extreme weather unleashes chaos in the city. Two reports, on how Europe witnessed record temperatures and how oceans were the hottest ever in 2022 - point to the potential aftermath; we must brace for record precipitation in the months ahead. Is Bengaluru ready?

Hacking away at green cover

Environmentalists worry about city as nod given to cut 3,411 trees in 2022 with not much push-back from expert committee

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File photo from last year of trees axed for Palika Bazaar

Between January and December 2022, at least 3,411 trees in Bengaluru were permitted to be cut to make way for development and infrastructure projects. According to data from the forest cell of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), the permissions to remove these trees were given by the Tree Expert Committee to various agencies via 17 memorandums.

During the same period, a minimum of 17 public notices were also put up by agencies seeking permission to fell 5,268 trees. Some agencies that issued these notices include BBMP, BMRCL, KRIDE, South Western Railway and HAL. The nature of these projects includes construction of railway lines and buildings, drain repair, metro line construction, and stormwater drain and road widening.

Environmentalists have expressed concern over this accelerated pace of stripping the city's green cover. They say while the idea of compensatory plantation has been sold to the public like a magic pill, it is often not the case. As the green cover in the city has not gone up.

"This is a big number considering the fact that these projects have not been able to solve the issues such as traffic congestion. More than 50-60% of these projects are for vested interests. There is no system to check how this axing is being compensated for. BBMP conducts planting programs, but what about compensatory plantations for all the road widening projects? If they want to identify and remove trees, plantations should happen before the trees are cut," said Akshay Heblikar, Biodiversity Management Committee member and founder of ECO Watch.

> **The tree expert panel and officer must try a little more than what they are doing to save trees**
> –Dattatreya Devara, environmentalist

What's TEC up to?

Experts also point to a sudden spurt in such public notices over the last few months. They say that while removing trees might be necessary to execute some of the projects, for the rest, TEC must challenge the proposals. A majority of the trees being cut now can be saved, given minor changes in the projects.

"The tree expert committee and the tree officer must try a little more than what they are doing to save the trees. For instance, trees proposed to be cut on CV Raman Nagar Road must be spared. The committee should make an earnest effort by tweaking the project alignment and leaving the trees alone if they are on the side. We must accept even if trees are causing little inconvenience," said Dattatreya Devare, trustee of Bangalore Environment Trust.

Activists have also questioned the role of the TEC in giving voice to the public when it comes to cutting trees. While the High Court formulated the committee to ensure that public suggestions on tree fallings are evaluated fairly and citizens have a say in such affairs, none of it is being followed.

"They are not conducting any sustainable study. A fresh discussion on the role of TEC should happen. They should be answerable to the public. The report should be put in the public domain before they go ahead with the orders. We needed TEC to save the trees and not cut them. The trees on Jayamahal road, for instance, should have been saved," said Vijay Nishant, founder, Project Vruksha Foundation.

Why civic bodies must work together

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areas, Bescom on November 30, 2021, sanctioned Rs 1,45,39,017 for the conversion of 11 KV overhead power lines into underground cables.

However, the Bescom contractor completed laying of the underground cables in other areas except Rustam Bagh Layout, Vinayaka Nagar and Wind Tunnel Road. The residents blamed the Bescom contractor for not commencing the work citing one reason or other.

The roads were full of potholes; Vinayaka Nagar Main Road was in a very poor condition. The residents expected the Bescom contractor to complete digging of the road to lay the underground cables much before the BBMP asphalted the poor roads.

With all the major roads now asphalted, the Bescom contractor has to dig these roads again for laying the underground cables causing a lot of inconvenience to the residents and motorists. The residents said digging the roads again would cause inconvenience to them and either the Bescom or BBMP would have to spend money to restore the roads.

"Why are we deprived of this underground cable work sanctioned by the government, at Rustam Bagh Layout, Wind Tunnel Road and Vinayaka Nagar, off Old Airport Road? Who is behind this interference? If this work was done, it would help with the majority of power interruptions in our localities. In fact it has been implemented successfully in our neighbourhood wards like Domlur and Challaghatta," said Poornima Shetty, president of Rustam Bagh Association for Welfare and United RWA of Konena Agrahara.

Vinayaka Nagar Residents' Association president B Eeranna said the authorities concerned are not discharging their duties as mandated. "No one has taken up the responsibility to lay the underground cables in our area. More power outages take place during monsoon," said Eeranna.

Anjali Bhate, a resident of Rustam Bagh Layout, said the underground cable work has been completed in other areas of the ward except the three areas. "The Bescom contractor waited for the permission from the authorities concerned to dig the roads for quite a long time. Later, he shifted men and machinery to other areas as the authorities concerned did not bother to allow him to lay the underground cables in these areas," said Bhate.

When contacted, Bescom assistant executive engineer said cable laying work was not taken up for some reasons. "You have to ask the executive engineer for more information," he said.

However, Bescom Koramangala division executive engineer was not available for comment.

Of traditions, culture & gratitude

City college brings village on campus during Suggi Habba that is being celebrated after 2-year hiatus

City gets sugarcane stocks during Sankranti

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For the students of a city-based college January 11 will always be firmly etched in their memories. Students of Silicon City College, KR Puram, celebrated Silicon Suggi, a harvest festival that converted the college campus into a rural village. Suggi Habba used to be conducted every year during Sankranti festival week, but there was a pause on it for two years.

This time around, the college also organised an eye camp for the benefit of residents of areas around the campus.

The guests present were Dr Balamurugan K, Commissioner of Customs, Kannada movie director TS Nagabharana, V Nagaraj, general secretary of Mythic Society, and Dr HM Chandrasekhar, Chairman of Silicon City College.

Dr HM Mukunda, Director of Silicon City College, inaugurated the celebrations and released the college annual magazine – Blossom – on the occasion. The National Youth Day, also known as Vivekananda Jayanthi, was also celebrated at the Silicon College.

Dr HM Chandrashekar spoke about the importance of National Youth Day which is observed to celebrate the energy, creativity and idealism of the youth. He also spoke about the Suggi event being celebrated as a token of gratitude to the farming community of the country.

Addressing the gathering, Dr Balamurugan said that the occasion reminded him of the traditions followed at villages. "The nostalgia of our nativity has been brought back to this college campus," he said.

T S Nagabharana emphasised on the importance of the Kannada language and culture while V Nagaraj appreciated the contributions and creativity of the students for creating a true village atmosphere reflected not only in the ambience but also in the cultural appearance. "These celebrations are necessary to restore our culture to the future generations. He also stressed the importance of the teachings of Swami Vivekananda as they are quite relevant to the present generation," he said.

The guests of honour have distributed certificates, medals and trophies to the runners and winners of Silicon Premier League (SPL) cricket tournament. Many other eminent personalities, parents, teachers, alumni and all other stakeholders were present. Manoj, a BBA student, said that he worked for a week to put up huts. "Our professors gave us the concept and we implemented it. The premises looked like a village." Rotary Bengaluru Manyata distributed spectacles to 66 needy people during the Suggi festival.

Mohammed Tasleel of Rotary Bengaluru Manyata said the Silicon City College Suggi Habba was conducted every year during Sankranti festival week. "This year's event was conducted after a gap of two years and it was a memorable event."

Ellu bella time
People buy ellu bella, a mixture of sesame and jaggery, prepared during Sankranti festival in the city on Friday

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Important highway to be six-laned

Some stretches of this highway connecting B'luru to many districts have already been made six-lane roads

The Bengaluru-Nelamangala-Hubballi highway is an important project that connects the city with many districts of north Karnataka. Now, the entire highway is expected to be converted into a six-lane project. So far, a few of the stretches have already been converted into a six-lane road, while the Hubballi-Dharwad bypass is still a two-lane highway. However, officials say that even this stretch will soon be widened to a six-laned one.

Union Transport Minister Nitin Gadkari recently said, "The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) is constructing a six-lane wide section between Chitradurga to Davanagere, including Chitradurga by-pass. This project will reduce travel time from Chitradurga to Davanagere and also improve transportation between the IT capital Bengaluru and the financial capital Mumbai."

Currently, the Bengaluru-Nelamangala stretch has been a six-lane highway with two-lane service roads on either side. The NHAI is now busy expanding the four-lane Nelamangala-Tumakuru stretch from four lanes to a six-laned main carriageway with two-lane service roads on either side. The widening of the roads will not only help in decongesting the traffic, but will also aid realty growth in the neighbouring areas.

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Excellent growth in realty market

South Bengaluru remained the most popular micro-market, garnering a share of 46 per cent of the residential sales in the city during the second half of 2022. Housing demand in this cluster remained steady due to the proximity of prominent tech parks and employment clusters located in Electronic City and Outer Ring Road (ORR).

East Bengaluru was another sought-after region for residential demand in Bengaluru. The demand, which was primarily concentrated in Whitefield and KR Puram, gradually expanded to peripheral areas of micro-markets such as Hoskote, according to a Knight Frank India report.

Bengaluru registered a rental growth of 11 per cent year-on-year (YoY), the highest across the top eight markets of India

Knight Frank India's latest report, India Real Estate – Residential and Commercial (July – December 2022), noted that Bengaluru remained the top performer in office leasing, registering 14.5 mn sq ft of office leasing volume, a 19 per cent annual growth in the year 2022. The city accounts for 28 per cent of the total office transactions across the top eight markets in India.

Bengaluru's residential market recorded housing sales of 53,363 units, a significant 40 per cent YoY growth in the calendar year (CY) 2022. New launches also saw a substantial rise of 42 per cent YoY with the addition of 43,420 units in 2022. The weighted average price for the region grew by seven per cent YoY, highest amongst the top eight markets of India. The strong sales momentum also helped in the decline of quarters to sell (QTS) to 5 quarters, which is a historical low for the city.

Shantanu Mazumder, Executive Director – Bengaluru, Knight Frank India, said, "Bengaluru's residential segment remained vibrant, enduring multiple headwinds arising from the Omicron wave in the early months of the year, followed by a steep rise in raw material cost, consumer inflation and a rapid rise in home loan rates. The resurgence of the city's residential market translated to a strong price rise too in the year 2022."

– Prakash VL

Choose your architectural style

Are you thinking about building a new custom house but aren't sure what contemporary design to go with? Here are some tips to find the right architectural style for your home.

Consider your home's setting

If you can't decide between Mediterranean and Contemporary or Hybrid and Classical, a nice way to start is by considering the location of your property.

What is the natural environment like?

Is it surrounded by lush? Is there a big, wide grass?

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By beginning with the location, you can ensure that your building looks very natural and fits well with its surroundings.

Make a mood board

Another fantastic strategy to narrow down your style is to consider residences and structures you've been drawn to in the past, as well as search for fresh sources of ideas.

Browse through periodicals, home interior Instagram pages, friends' and celebs' houses, or even visit nearby places to see what you like and dislike.

Once you've determined what you like, you may compile your findings and make a vision board.

Consult with others

People close to you may better understand you than you understand yourself at times. This offers your relatives and friends an excellent sounding board for ideas and inspiration.

Think about rules

There will be homeowner's organisations in many areas or communities. Their role is to ensure that the general appearance of the area is kept to a specific level, and they will assist with any renovations and maintenance that may be required.

Seek inspiration from neighbours

Glancing at the buildings that will be around you might be an unanticipated source of inspiration.

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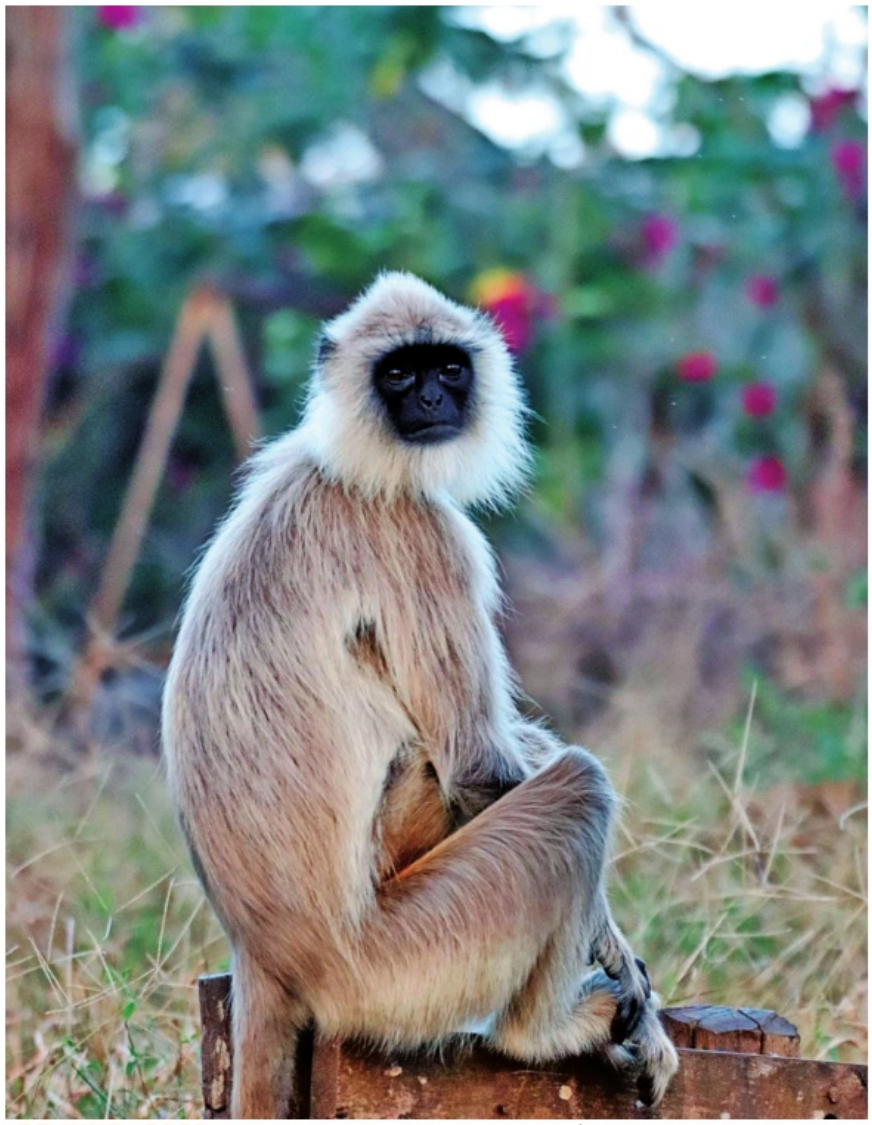

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Makar Sankranti, a festival celebrated widely by farmers in the country, is also known as Suggi Habba in Karnataka. Adults and children wear colourful clothes and exchange traditional food preparations often consisting of 'Ellu', or white sesame seeds mixed with fried groundnuts, neatly cut dry coconut and fine cut bella (jaggery). The mixture is called "Ellu-Bella". Kite flying, drawing rangolis, giving away of red berries known as Yalchi kai are some of the intrinsic parts of the festival.
Another vital ritual in rural Karnataka is the display of decorated cows and bulls. In Bengaluru as well, people celebrate the day by flying kites, sampling the local fare with loved ones.

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Life cycle of roads in Shivajinagar

Broken, repaired, broken almost immediately, complain residents

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The residents of Shivajinagar are miffed over the poor quality of roads in the area. They allege that roads, recently paved, develop cracks very soon. They also feel that the authorities are not taking enough steps to solve the issue.

Commuting is a risky task, they say. Sanjay Gowda, a resident staying in the area said, "Sultan Gunta Road, which is very close to my house, is in a pathetic condition. It was a newly built road and before it was even opened for the public, the road developed several cracks. This is not the kind of quality of work that we expect from the authorities."

The residents say that all the roads in the constituency are in a similar condition. Another resident, on account of anonymity, said that in Shivajinagar, Payappa Garden in Jayamahal ward is also in a very bad state. It was recently constructed. However, after just two or three days, the road was damaged again. The authorities again had to dig the road to work on it. This often makes people wonder if the materials are not of good quality.

Vehicles get damaged due to broken roads in Shivajinagar constituency

The residents staying in Charminar Road are also facing problems as the road in the area is filled with potholes.

The residents also mentioned an accident which recently took place on Millers Road in Shivajinagar constituency where a man, his wife and kid were injured when their two-wheeler toppled over. Ashwath K, a resident of Kamraj Road, said, "The chamber caps on the road have broken into pieces and still no one has replaced them with new ones. There should be strict action taken immediately."

Shakeel Usmani, a social worker in the area, added that there were problems everywhere. The newly installed LED street lights do not work, the pipeline has been blocked, and newly built roads are breaking. A newly asphalted road should last for at least seven to eight years but here, it does not last for more than six to seven months, he said.

He also added that if any work is going on, authorities should display all the information on a display board. "The authorities should mention the height and width of the road, the materials used, the number of the person supervising the work as well so that people will get to know exactly what is going on."

A BBMP official said they will send an official to inspect the area soon.

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where Bengalureans speak their mind

How do you start your day in winter?

Nibedita Roy Choudhary, BM Reader
I usually start my day with a cup of hot coffee post my workout with some croissants and some dried fruits.

Sahithi Sirikonda, BM Reader
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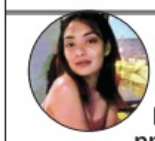

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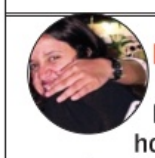

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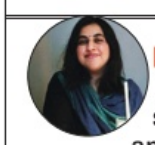

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N Roopashree, Teacher
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For drunken driving, Chennai has answers

Chennai cops book pillion rider, co-passengers in such cases; Bengalureans divided over policy

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With Bengaluru traffic cops going full throttle to curb drunken driving cases, many are debating whether they should implement the Chennai model.

According to reports, the Greater Chennai Traffic Police (GCTP) has decided to book the pillion rider and co-passengers in private vehicles being driven by a drunk driver even if they are not drunk. Chennai police argue that the pillion rider or a co-passenger are abetting the driver or rider. However, taxi and auto drivers will be exempted as they will have no idea whether the passengers are under the influence of alcohol or not.

Chennai police are invoking the provisions of Section 188 of the Motor Vehicles (MV) Act to book those who abet driving under influence of alcohol or drugs and be liable to pay a fine of Rs 10,000.

"This would be a welcome move as a drunk rider or driver puts the passengers at risk too
–Kuldeep R, a college student

While Bengaluru police say that there is no such proposal as of now, people are divided on the issue.

If a person is under the influence of alcohol, then s/he will be at risk. So, how can a pillion rider or a co-passenger be safe if the driver is drunk? So, it is better to avoid going with such people as it is not just the driver's life at risk but also the pillion and co-passenger(s), said Nishanth S, a techie.

Kuldeep R, a college student said, "This would definitely be a welcome move as a drunk driver can be a risk to other vehicles on the road as well. Going by this logic, how can a pillion rider and co-passenger take the risk of driving with the drunk driver?"

However, there are others who oppose this. The penalty for drunken driving is high. For example, during night, we may ask for a lift and we wouldn't know if the driver/rider is drunk and if caught, penalising the pillion/co-passenger for no fault of his/her is not acceptable," said Sudarshan R.

City police had briefly stopped the drunken driving exercise during the Covid times. "During Covid, many were not ready to take the breathalyser test. Hence, we had briefly halted the exercise. However, now, we are conducting tests full-fledgedly," said a senior police officer.

However, many complain that a few cops continue to use the old technique of sniffing the drunken driver. "Many of the cops come too close and ask us to talk so that they can find whether the driver is drunk or not with the odour. The cops on the ground should use alcometers," said Sandhya S, a homemaker.

When traffic cops, bus drivers brainstormed

The meeting was held between the Bangalore Traffic Police and BMTC bus drivers

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At the meeting, it was decided that if the BMTC bus drivers flouted any of the rules, challans would be sent to them and the amount deduced from their salaries

The Bangalore Traffic Police on January 11 held a meeting with the BMTC bus drivers and talked about rules like parking in designated spots, keeping the doors closed, and stopping at bus stops.

Kuldeep Kumar R Jain, Deputy Commissioner of Police (Traffic), West Division, said, "The main aim of the meeting was to inform the bus drivers that they should only stop at bus stops. Often, they stop at junctions or when someone is trying to flag a bus down or at signals. The second thing we discussed was that the door should be closed at all times except for when people want to get up or get down, that too only at bus stops, as it is very risky. The third point we discussed was that often in places like Banashankari, Jayanagar, Jalahalli, etc, the buses park on the road which causes inconvenience to all the people in the area."

He also added that this meeting was conducted after the traffic police offers had observed these activities. He also mentioned that if these rules were not followed, then the traffic police officers would book challans and send them to the BMTC office, and the amount would be deducted from the salary of the drivers.

The residents said that a strict action was necessary against all the bus drivers who did not drive keeping the traffic rules in mind.

Deepika Shah, a resident of Jalahalli, said, "I have seen several times that the bus drivers park the buses in the middle of the road. This blocks the road completely and makes it very difficult for the people to pass by. It is very important for strict action to be taken against these drivers as they do not listen to us even after we have repeatedly told them to park the vehicles someplace else."

The residents have also complained about buses not stopping at the bus stops.

Ashish K, another commuter, said, "I have seen several times that the bus coming towards Nagasandra will stop at the Peenya signal and pick up people and it also stops randomly for people to deboard at places which are not bus stops. The roads are always filled with vehicles.

"Hence, stopping suddenly is quite dangerous. It is good that the traffic police is finally taking some action to address the issue."

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Snappy hubby

Virat Kohli opens up about all the times he was unfair to wife Anushka Sharma during bad spells in cricket

Virat Kohli started his new year with a stunning century by scoring 113 runs off 87 balls against Sri Lanka in the first ODI on January 10. In his new interaction with Suryakumar Yadav, Virat had no qualms in admitting to the fact that he was being unfair to his wife Anushka Sharma during his bad spell in sports.

When Suryakumar asked Virat to reflect on his journey in the last two years when he struggled to score runs on the ground, Virat happily shared what was going through his mind during his tough time.

He said that he had started getting frustrated and became very cranky and snappy and his bad behaviour had eventually started reflecting, especially on his wife Anushka and other family members.

Virat said that keeping up to people's expectations and performing every time when you are playing regularly is a very intense process.

He added that when your cricket is going well, everything falls into place but as soon as there's a dip in your form, frustration starts to creep in.

"In my case too, frustration started creeping in. I wanted to play in a certain way, according to the expectations of everyone and mine as well. But cricket was not allowing me to do that and hence I found myself way too far from where my game was. My attachments and desires had totally taken over. And that is when I realised that I can't be totally away from who I am and I can't live in denial," Virat told Suryakumar.

"Because, in my case, it brought me more frustration. I was getting very cranky, very snappy in my space which was not fair on anyone around me - Anushka and closed ones. I think it's not fair on the people that support you and are with you all the time to keep seeing you in that space. So, I had to take responsibility and put things in perspective," he added. —ETimes

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As wedding talk is in the air, we look at a few of Athiya Shetty's wedding-ready looks

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The art of action

All eyes are on Siddharth Anand's upcoming film, 'Pathaan' that will bring back Shah Rukh Khan on the silver screen. The makers unveiled the trailer of the film recently and it has been garnering immense love from the audience.

In a rapid-fire video dropped by the production house, the director of the film is seen spilling some beans about the lead characters and what went behind making an action extravaganza. The filmmaker revealed that he loves stunts involving bikes but his favourite action sequence in the film is that one that happens atop a train. Siddharth added that the cast went through rigorous training forms of combat like biking on ice and riding on top of trains to perform the action-packed scenes with ease. Elaborating, he also revealed that Shah Rukh Khan and Deepika Padukone learnt jujutsu, a deadly Japanese martial arts form to pull off some brutal action sequences in the film.

—ETimes

A long and winding tale

ORCHESTRA MYSURU

3.0 RATING ★★★☆☆

- **DIRECTOR** Sunil Mysuru
- **ACTORS** Poornachandra Mysuru, Dileep Raj, Rajalakshmi Murthy, Mahesh Kumar Nanjundaiah
- **CERTIFICATION** U
- **Duration** 174 minutes

Orchestra Mysuru is among the few story-oriented movies released this month.

The movie begins with the camera focusing on a village where two folk singers are seeking alms. One boy in the village wants to learn to sing folk songs from them. A shepherd (Daali Dhananjay) tells him he does not need any teacher to sing folk songs and that he only needs dedication and an attempt to sing whatever he feels in his heart.

Later the scene shifts to Mysuru where Poorna (Poornachandra Mysuru) is working at a dental clinic. Poorna has an ambition of joining a music band. Encouraged by friends and well-wishers, Poorna joins an orchestra owned by Naveen Raj (Dileep Raj), an egoist. Instead of becoming a singer, Poorna ends up as an irrelevant musician of the band. At one point, the manager of the orchestra is forced to ask Poorna to sing a song during a programme. This makes Naveen Raj angry and he throws Poorna out of the band.

Poorna builds a team to start an orchestra. The more Poorna tries to make a break, the more Naveen Raj plays spoilsport. What happens to Poorna is the climax.

Poornachandra Mysuru is at his best as an innocent person who works hard to realise his long-cherished dream. His performance in some scenes where he has to do odd jobs to get a chance to sing will make the audiences sympathise with him. Dileep Raj is convincing in his role and Rajalakshmi Murthy looks pretty. Mahesh Kumar Nanjundaiah's performance is good and Mahesh Prasad as Gilki Manja, has acted well. Sachidananda, Ravi Rangavalli, and Rajesh Basavanna have provided good support. Brief appearances by Raghu Dixit and Daali Dhananjay are added value for this movie. Raghu Dixit's music is very good.

Director Sunil Mysuru must be appreciated for keeping the focus on the story. However, the running time (174 minutes) plays spoilsport as it can test audiences' patience. It would have been better to cut the duration by 30 minutes.

But, if you are looking for a good story to dig into, go for this film.

—Y Maheswara Reddy

Utmost faith in judicial process: Nora

Nora Fatehi on Friday stated before the Metropolitan Magistrate of Patiala House Court that she has "utmost faith in the judicial process" in the probe in the Rs 200-crore extortion case.

"Today my client appeared before Court and gave a statement before the magistrate to assist the investigation. Her conduct has been compliant since she has the utmost faith in judicial process as well as laws of this country," Nora Fatehi's advocate Vikram Singh Chauhan said. "She has, time and again, proved, through her conduct that, in all bona fides, despite her contractual liabilities, she ensures, she assists the investigating agencies," he added.

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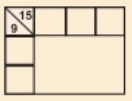
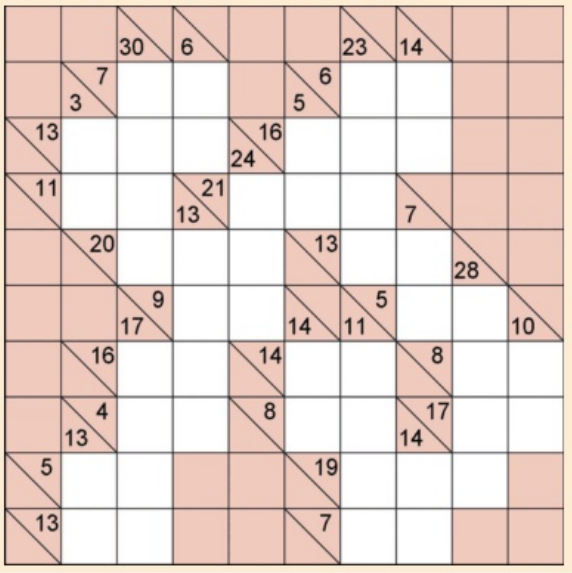
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas



for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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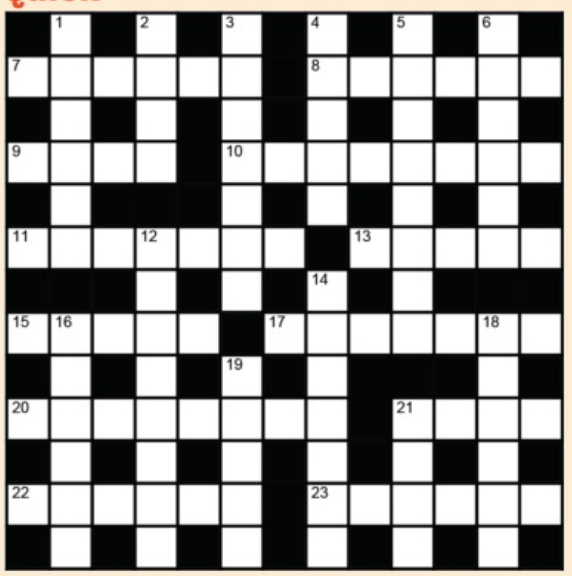


ACROSS

7 Rank, fetid or stale (6)
8 Mix around socially (6)
9 Maple genus? (4)
10 Hurling or casting (8)
11 Selfish driver (4-3)
13 Grooming device (5)
15 The girl from Uncle Tom's Cabin–"To spy" anagram? (5)
17 Divulges; makes known ? (4,3)
20 Government building that offers a view of Ulsoor Lake on one side and the Bangalore Race Course on the other (4,4)
21 Impertinent (4)
22 Sucks dry (6)
23 Resists or repulses (6)

DOWN

1 Cowboy of the pampas (6)
2 Wound mark (4)
3 Issue (7)
4 Clever (5)
5 Without warning (8)
6 Mingles or combines (6)
12 Find out (8)
14 Insect antennae (7)
16 Verbally (6)
18 Excessive, unjustified (6)
19 Body part below the ribs (5)
21 Engrossed (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: Z EQUALS D

CTD XSB BIOIU FIN IBTDFV TA HVSN CTD ZTB'N BIIZ NT RSGI CTD VSQQC.

Linemaro

You are too pretty and too smart to act like you are not

Mindchow

Being a woman is a terribly difficult task, since it consists principally in dealing with men

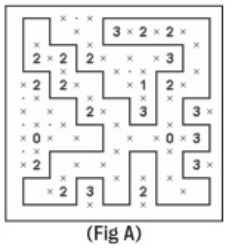
Joke of the day

My grandfather is a bit hard of hearing so he does lip reading. I don't mind the lip reading but he uses a yellow highlighter

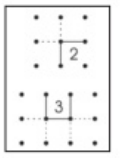
Loop

Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



(Fig A)

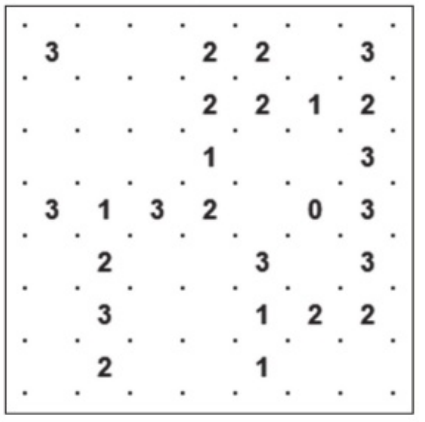


(Fig B) Not Allowed

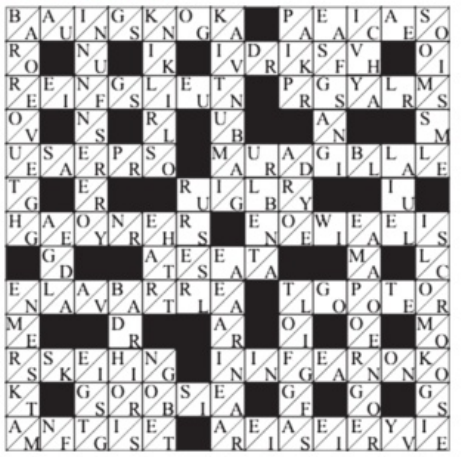
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



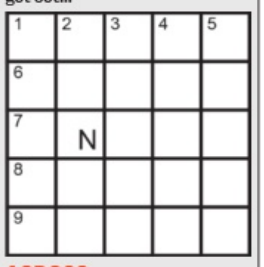
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

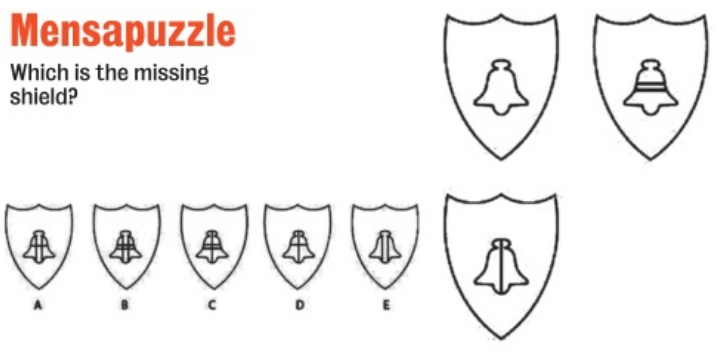
1 Ceres; 6 Akola;
7 Treen; 8 Cited;
9 To Hot

DOWN

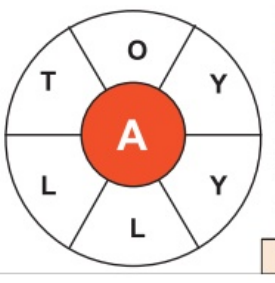
1 St eke; 2 Codon;
3 Tario; 4 Lee CT;
5 Hater

Mensapuzzle

Which is the missing shield?



Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

05 Average; **07** Good; **08** Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

1			2		4			9
3				8				5
		2				1		
	7	6		9		2	4	
		1				7		
	2	8		4		3	5	
		3				8		
6				1				4
8			3		5			2

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy = 3

2 3 4 6

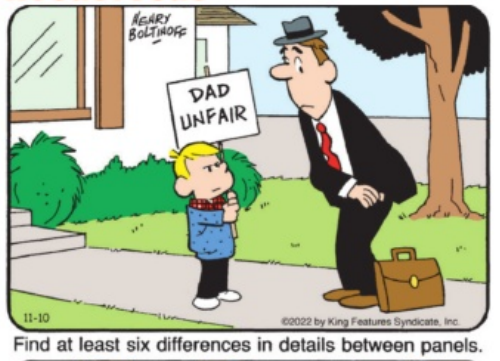
Medium = 7

2 6 6 7

Hard = 2

5 7 9 6

Hocusfocus



Find at least six differences in details between panels.

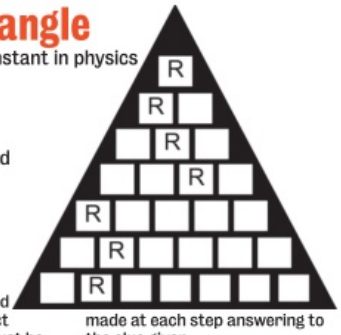
Differences: 1. Briefcase is moved. 2. Word is added to sign. 3. Shutter is wider. 4. Bush is larger. 5. Step is missing. 6. Tree is different.

Riddler

Starting with A add a letter and shuffle to make a new word each time and continue until you reach PATCHES.

Alpha triangle

1 Universal gas constant in physics
2 Again, abbr.
3 Historic period
4 Part of TLC
5 Respond to
6 Hole in the ground
7 Irregular



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

COMICS

Redeye by Mel Casson

Bizarrotrip

Diamond Lil

I SAW AN AD FOR THAT NEW DOLL
IT'S CALLED "MANNY MAUL-ME"
WHAT'S IT DO?
YOU PULL HIS STRING AND HE GOOSES A GRIZZLY BEAR
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Hart of the city

THE CAFETERIA MAC 'N' CHEESE DOESN'T HAVE ENOUGH DEPTH OF FLAVOR.
OKAY, GORDON RAMSAY.
WHO'S GORDON RAMSAY?
YOU KNOW, THE ANGRY SCOTTISH CHEF? HECK'S KITCHEN?
NO, I DON'T KNOW HIM! IS HE NEW?
NOT UNLESS YOU CONSIDER 2004 NEW.
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Crankshaft

SO THIS IS WHAT YOU WERE ABLE TO GET WITH YOUR 'BEAN BUCKS'?
YEP...
EXCEPT FOR WHAT WAS BACK-ORDERED!
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Mutts

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today you may be able to complete difficult tasks very easily, which may boost your confidence levels. Your past investments may bring you good gains. You are advised to avoid arguments on worthless topics as it may waste your precious time.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today is not good for you. You may feel unhappy. You may be dissatisfied with your current situation. You are advised to keep patience. You should not take any decision in a hurry. You are advised to take care of your parents.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today you may take decisions very fast, which may benefit your day-to-day life. You may take some difficult decisions with the help of your colleagues. You may get success easily. Property-related disputes between siblings may be resolved. You may also expect some work-related short trips.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today you are advised to control your straightforwardness. Loose talk may affect people around you. You may spend your hard-earned money on buying some worthless things. Your mind is likely to work very fast, so it is advised to take any important decision with patience.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today you are blessed by the moon. Disappointment from the last couple of days may convert into happiness. You may enjoy your professional and personal life. Your network may help you to complete your postponed projects . You are likely to start some new venture with the help of your siblings and your network may support you in every step.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today you may be busy at work. Your focus towards your goal may be tested many times. Your patience may help you achieve your goals on time. Your dedication for work may be tested many times as well. You are likely to get some rewards as a result of your hard work. You are likely to make investments in fixed assets too.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today your destiny may help you to get success in an easy way. You may visit a spiritual place seeking peace. You may spend your time learning something intellectual or occult-related. Students may do well. Singles are likely to find a good match. Lovebirds may take some important decisions in terms of marriage.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today you may be busy at work. With the help of your strong network, you may be able to implement your plans successfully. Your wisdom may help you to gain profits from past investments. You may enjoy romantic moments with your spouse, which will increase harmony in your domestic life. Lovebirds may enjoy happy moments.

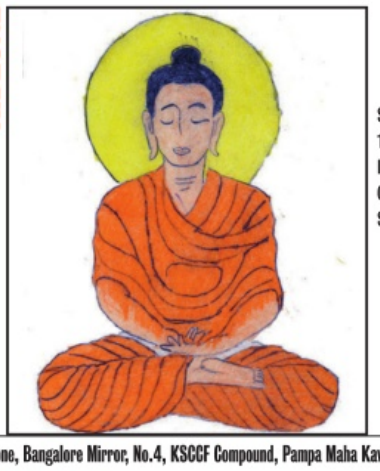
Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today you are blessed by the moon, which may make you happy. Last week's crunch is now over. With the help of destiny, you may get reciprocation for your hard work. With the help of your subordinates, you may be able to reinitiate your postponed works. There are some gains in your business, which may boost your finances.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today you may feel dull. You may have some health issues. You are advised to postpone making investments in the business. It is also advised not to start new ventures. You are likely to face losses in business. Your gains may convert to losses.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today you will be happy. You may feel peace in your mind. Your focus towards your goals will be very good. You are likely to have romantic moments with your spouse. Your bonding with your spouse may be stronger now. You will also be busy with domestic issues.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today you may be more enthusiastic. Your performance at work may be good. It may boost your terms with seniors. You are likely to get some new responsibilities in terms of promotions. In legal matters, you may hear good news. Your opponents and hidden enemies should be under control.

KIDZONE



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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
= √5 x √ (9 x 5) + √ 3 x √ (4 x 3)
√5 x 3 √ 5 + √ 3 x 2 √ 3
= 3 x 5 + 2 x 3
= 15 + 6 = 21

STRIKE OUT

B	A	N	G	K	O	K	P	A	C	E	S			
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FAST FIVE

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K	O	A	L	A
E	N	T	E	R
E	D	I	C	T
T	O	O	T	H

BULL'S EYE
allot, alloy, ally, atoll, loyal, LOYALTY, tall, tally

RIDDLER
One way is: A, At, TAP, PATE, TAPES, ASPECT, PATCHES:

QUICK

G	S	E		S	U		B							
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MENSA PUZZLE
C: looking down, a vertical line is added to the bell, and looking across, two horizontal lines are added

QUOTE UNCODE
You can never get enough of what you don't need to make you happy.

SUDOKU

8	1	4	3	7	5	9	6	2
6	9	7	8	1	2	5	3	4
2	5	3	4	6	9	8	1	7
9	2	8	6	4	7	3	5	1
4	3	1	5	2	8	7	9	6
5	7	6	1	9	3	2	4	8
7	4	2	9	5	6	1	8	3
3	6	9	7	8	1	4	2	5
1	8	5	2	3	4	6	7	9

ALPHA TRIANGLE
R, Re, Era, Care, React, Crater, Erratic.

GO FIGURE
2 - 7 + 6 + 6 = 7
Medium
5 - 2 + 6 - 4 = 3
Easy
5 + 7 + 6 / 9 = 2
Hard

LOOP

KAKURO

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Home investment season!

Sankranti is considered to be an auspicious time to invest in real estate

It is the time for Uttarayana Punyakala. For the last few weeks, many have been waiting for this auspicious occasion for investments. If you are planning to buy a site, then Sankranti is the right time. A property developer said, "For many, investment in property is a lifetime plan. So, people think a lot before buying. It is a tradition to seek out auspicious times for visiting a site or buying a property. Now, the right time has come as it is strongly believed that Sankranti is the right time to invest in property. As we have a number of auspicious days, it is the strong belief that Sankranti will bring fortune to those who want to invest."

People seen creating 'rangolis' on the occasion of Sankranti

Another property developer said, "We are now entering Uttarayana, which is considered an auspicious time for starting new things. Buying property and constructing a house is considered a new phase of life for many and we hope that people will make use of this right time to invest."

Resilience of Indian realty market

Realtors say that investments in the property market is the right choice as the future looks bright. The current real estate cycle has been consumer-driven. "We are still in a sweet spot as far as affordability is concerned in spite of rational price hikes by developers. Post covid, there has been a value shift in this mind-set of homebuyers, and is the key investment driver in residential real estate," said Gaurav Pandey (MD & CEO Designate, Godrej Properties Ltd).

Now homebuyers are more specific in their requirements and expect more than just a living space from their homes. Maintaining good health and leading a healthy lifestyle is becoming the utmost priority for most homebuyers. Thus, there is an increasing demand for multifunctional spaces at home, he said. Homebuyers are also looking for a lot of greenery in their residential units.

Rahul Talele (Group CEO, Kolte-Patil Developers Limited) said, "Residential and commercial real estate experienced robust growth in 2022, reaching new highs. Housing unit sales reached a record high, aided by resilient economic activity and strong consumer sentiment toward home ownership which was fueled further by the pandemic experience. Furthermore, the January-November 2022 period has emerged as the best-performing year in the last ten years since 2013. One of the distinguishing features of today's demand is that even millennials are considering purchasing a home. The millennial generation is also known as the "renting generation," as they previously chose to use their money for the functional premise of an asset rather than ownership.."

–Prakash VL

Sankranti fervour grasps markets

Markets have regained a new look as Sankranti is approaching. One can see thronging markets for last minute shopping trips. Even shoppers say that the festive mood is at an all-time high and they are doing brisk business.

"We have come out of covid and this is the first Sankranti where we are celebrating without restrictions. Although covid struck Bengaluru in 2020, there were no restrictions for Sankranti as cases started to be reported in March 2020. We had a minor scare this year as there was a spurt in cases in China and other countries just before the year ended. However, there has been no spike since then and all of us have geared up to celebrate Sankranti in a traditional way," said Rukmini R, a resident of Basaveshwara Nagar.

Sandhya R, a college student said that Sankranti was a special celebration for everyone. It is the time to meet and greet friends and relatives. "We are planning to celebrate Sankranti in a traditional way by meeting friends and relatives. It is a custom for us to offer yellu (sesame) and bella (jaggery) to near and dear ones. Sankranti is incomplete without sakkare acchu (special sugar candies). In fact, there are different designs of sakkare acchu being made. We make 20 to 30 varieties of these achhus. For the last 10 days, my mother and her friends have been busy making them."

Families and neighbours gather together to make achhu. It is an art to make these sugar candies. Sankranti is also incomplete without Avarekayi. "Avarekayi or broad beans floods the market during December-January. Although we find Avareyaki during most parts of the year now, it was available only for a few months before. Avarekayi is a must for Sankranti. If you happen to walk in any neighbourhood, you can feel its aroma. One can also see a lot of ground nuts and sugarcanes in the market," said Nandan R, a resident of Basavanagudi.

Traders are also eagerly waiting for Sankranti. "We provide a lot of offers on Sankranti so that customers can get good deals. This year, we are seeing a good response from customers, and with a day to go to Sankranti, we hope the business will pick up further", said Dhyan Chand, a trader from JP Nagar.

File photo of people shopping from stalls at a Sankranti mela in Bengaluru

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Meanwhile, many Bengalureans were seen doing last minute shopping before they head to their native villages for celebration. As Sankranti is a harvest festival, many people want to celebrate it in their native place, said Kishore R, a resident of Yeshwanthpur.

"Around 10 lakh people are going to Chennai to head to their native place for Pongal. Similarly, we are seeing many heading to their native places in Karnataka," he said.

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